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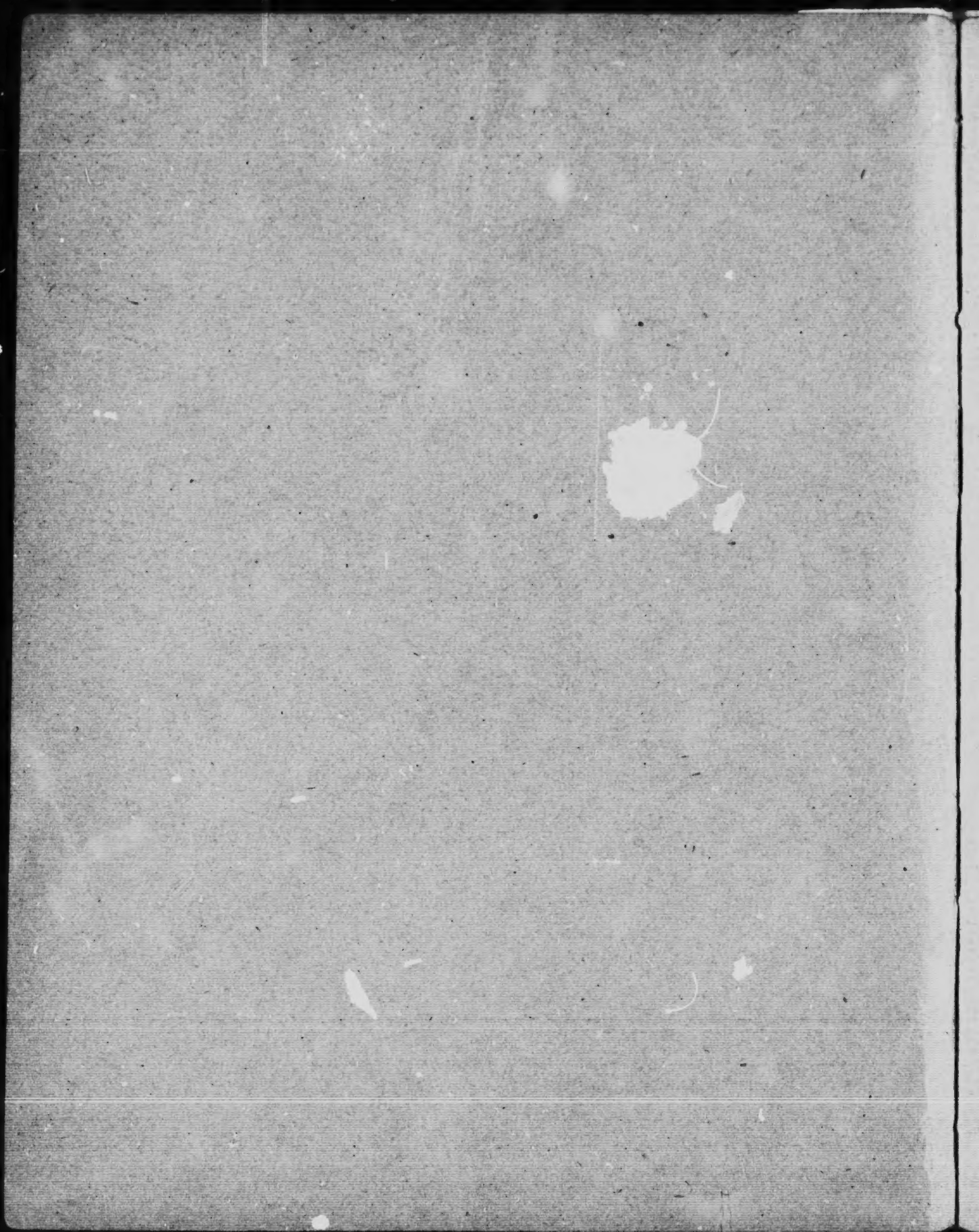
2nd Cor.—xiii, 5.

Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves, know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you except ye be reprobrates?



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John 8—12.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world ; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

Taught in the Theological College by his fellow
man for money.

The one thing on earth,
That I value most,
Is money, yes money,
Without that I'm lost,
It soothes all my sorrows,
Drives away every care,
When I've plenty of money,
There's nothing I fear.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

Taught by the Holy Spirit, without money and without price.

1 Tim. 6—9, 10, 11. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows, But thou, O man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Luke 12—29, 30, 31. And seek not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither have ye of doubtful mind, For all these things do the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Prov. 23—4, 5. Labour not to be rich, cease from thine own wisdom, Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings, they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

I got all my wisdom
In College you see,
From the learned Professor
And the *Reverend D. D.*,
I gave them some money,
And they taught me how
To preach and to beg,
That's how I live now.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

John 6—45. It is written in the prophets, and they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

James 1—5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not and it shall be given him.

1 Cor. 1—19, 20, 21, 22, 23. 24. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent, Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe, For the Jews require a sign and the Greeks seek after wisdom. But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness. But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

Yes 'twas in College
That I learned my trade,
And I was well taught
For the money I paid,
And since I've been ordained
I've lived well you see,
For the whole of my creed
Is money for me.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

Gal. 1—11, 12. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

John 14—25, 26. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Acts 8—17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. Then laid they their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given he offered them money, saying, Give me this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money, thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter for thy heart is not right in the sight of God ; repent therefore of this thy wickedness and pray God if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee, For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

I've got a fine house
With servants and all,
I don't work for my living
Like as did Paul.
Jesus and Paul
Had no certain dwelling,
I have all of earth's comforts,
I get them by begging.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

Matt. 8—20. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

1 Cor. 4—11, 12, 13. Even unto this present hour we both hunger and thirst and are naked and are buffeted and have no certain dwelling place, and labour working with our own hands, being reviled we bless, being persecuted we suffer it, being defamed we intreat, we are made as the filth of the world and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

2 Thess. 3—7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us, for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you, neither did we eat any man's bread for nought, but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you. Not because we have not the power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. For even when we were with you this we commanded you, that if any would not work neither should he eat, For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busibodies. Now them that are such, we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ that with quietness they work and eat their own bread. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

To preach without begging
Would be to acknowledge,
Money and time wasted
Which I spent at college,
Thus exposing the college.
I'd proclaim to all living,
The true guide is the Bible
In preaching and giving.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

Isaiah 55—1, 2, 3

Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye buy and eat, Yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? Hearken diligently unto me and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness, incline your ear and come unto me, hear and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you even the sure mercies of David.

1 Peter 5—1, 2, 3, 4. The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed; feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind, neither being lords over God's heritage but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Matt. 10—7, 8. And as ye go preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

The Book says God's servants
Don't preach for man's pay,
'Tis God's love constrains them,
They prove it each day.
I am not of that class,
You see by reflection
That whenever I preach,
I make a collection.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

2 Cor.—14, 15. For the love of God constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead, And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

1 John 4—10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.

John 15—12, 13, 14. This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.

2 Cor. 12—14, 15. Behold the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you; for I seek not yours, but you; for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you, though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

While I was in College
I paid as I ought,
Then why should I spend
Time and money for nought.
That would not be called wise
By any sane man,
So whenever I preach,
I beg all I can.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

Phil. 3—17, 18, 19, 20. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample, (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ ; whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things). For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 20—31, 32, 33, 34, 35. Therefore watch and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears, And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold or apparel, Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

From the widow, the orphan,
The aged, the poor,
I beg all I can,
And still I want more.
So the plate's handed round,
They know what is meant,
I want all they've got,
The very last cent.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

Ps. 68—4, 5. Sing unto God, sing praises to His Name; extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name Jah, and rejoice before Him. A Father the fatherless and a judge of the widows is God in His holy habitation.

Ps. 146—9. The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Is. 10—2. To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of My people that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless.

Matt. 23—13, 14. But woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in, Woe unto you you Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer; therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

For *our* widows and orphans,
And the aged divines,
A *fund* is provided,
We did wisely betimes.
Don't be *selfish* or *mean*,
Or you may be dunned,
But give us *your* money
To strengthen *our* fund.

THE GOD-M DE MINISTER.

James 5—1, 2, 3. Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered ; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

Matt. 6—19, 20, 21. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break throug and steal ; But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

Luke 12—16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully ; And he thought withln himself, saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said this will I do, I will pull down my barns, and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided, So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

The religion I preach
Is an invention of man,
'Tis keep all you've got
And beg all you can.
So the plate's handed round,
To be filled to the brim ;
Although some may sink,
I always can swim.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

Eccles. 7—29. Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright ; but they have sought out many inventions.

Is. 2—22. Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostrils ; for wherein is he to be accounted of ?

1 John 2—15. Love not the world ; neither the things that are in the world ; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Matt. 6—24, 25, 26. No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other ; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink ; nor yet for your body what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment ? Behold the fowls of the air ; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they ?

Matt. 10—29, 30, 31. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing ? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

There's a question you may hear
Discussed every day,
Who gets the most profit
On the smallest outlay.
Not mechanics, not lawyers,
Not doctors, oh no,
My begging is all profit,
That really is so.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

1 Tim. 6—5, 6, 7, 8. Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness, from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out, and having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Heb. 4—2. For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them, but the Word did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Prov. 15—27. He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house. But he that hateth gifts shall live.

Phil. 1—21, 22, 23, 24. For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh this is the fruit of my labour, Yet what I shall choose I wot not, for I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you,

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

When reading the Bible
We often find a mistake,
Say *some* divine doctors,
Whose judgment I take.
But in one thing
We all agree to perfection,
That whenever we preach
We must make a collection.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

John 7—37, 38, 39. In the last day that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink, he that believeth on Me as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given ; because that Jesus was not yet glorified).

1 Cor. 2—12, 13, 14. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God, which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Luke 24—45. Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

My clothes of black cloth
And it's clerical cut,
Insures me due reverence,
Whene'er I walk out,
And the prefix and affix
Attached to my name,
Proclaims to the world
That I am divine.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

Matt. 23—5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. But all their works they do, for to be seen of men, they make broad their Phylacteries and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and be to called of men Rabbi, Rabbi, but be not ye called Rabbi, for one is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren, and call no man your father upon the earth, for One is your Father which is in heaven, neither be ye called masters, for one is your Master even Christ, but he that is greatest among you shall be your servant, and whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Ps. 111—9. He sent redemption unto His people. He hath commanded His covenant for ever, holy and reverend is His name.

Exodus 20—7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

THE MAN-MADE MINISTER.

Sometimes the thought comes,
And Oh ! well it may,
Where shall I stand
In the great Judgment Day ?
The Judge is infallible,
He'll make no mistake,
And the Bible tells plainly,
Which road I must take.

THE GOD-MADE MINISTER.

John 14—1, 2, 3, 4. Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also, and whither I go ye know and the way ye know.

2 Tim. 4—6, 7, 8. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing.

John 17—24. Father I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me, for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world.

Matt. 25—3 . Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you, from the foundation of the world.